



City Manager's Report

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Message from the City Manager

Dear Bainbridge Island Residents,

I am in the process of creating a task force to assist with the development of a request for proposals, consultant selection, and report review for a study that will consider the viability of electric utility municipalization.

The task force would be comprised of eight to ten members of the community, preferably with backgrounds in utility finance, management, engineering or utility law. The task force will meet one to two times per month for approximately seven months, and will advise me in matters related to the electric utility municipalization study. Interested individuals should send an [email](#) with resume no later than Friday, January 8, 2016.

During their November 17 meeting, I was directed by the Council to draft a request for proposals for the completion of a study analyzing the viability of forming a municipally operated utility on Bainbridge Island.

The discussion regarding creation of a publicly-owned electric utility was initiated by Island Power, a local organization formed for the purpose of promoting the creation of a publicly-owned electric utility. In response to the input received from Island Power and many community members, the City Council initially discussed this topic during their October 6, 2015 meeting where they asked for a plan that would provide the Council and community with



comprehensive information to help make a decision on electric power service on Bainbridge Island.

After the October 6 meeting, information was gathered through discussions with electric utility general managers, legal counsel specializing in electric utility issues, Puget Sound Energy and consultants. Based on these conversations, it was determined that there are three general areas of study or assessment recommended: financial acquisition cost (including funding options, cost of service, and a rate study), engineering capacity (including transmission, energy efficiency and renewable resources plan, conservation potential assessment), and legal process for acquisition of system.

Best Regards,

Doug Schulze
City Manager, Bainbridge Island

Executive Update

City Reveals Community Logo; asks for Public Input on Final City Logo

At the City Council meeting on Tuesday, December 8, City staff revealed two new features of the community identity project efforts: 1) the final design for the community logo for Bainbridge Island, and 2) two versions of a City corporate logo, which the City Council is seeking further public input on prior to adopting a final design.

Community Logo:

At the meeting on December 8, the final community logo was presented to the Council. This logo will immediately be available for the public to use to promote Bainbridge Island to visitors. Over the past six months, the City has worked with the Bainbridge Island Downtown Association, the Chamber of Commerce, community members and design experts to develop a brand for economic development purposes for Bainbridge Island.



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City of Bainbridge Island Logo:

The Council was also shown two options for a final corporate logo for the City of Bainbridge Island. While the community logo will be available to all for promotional purposes, the City logo will be used strictly for official City business. During the meeting the



Council expressed a desire to receive additional feedback from the community before making a final decision in January. Public input about the two options for the final City of Bainbridge Island corporate logo can be submitted to kstickney@bainbridgewa.gov.

Since the project's inception there has been five overall goals to this process:

- Develop a community identity system that would create a strong and consistent message that could be used when marketing the island to tourists. The newly created system would also help decrease duplication of efforts and increase the efficient use of marketing resources.
- Utilize the community identity system to address off-season economic challenges and to improve the experience of current visitors by emphasizing an island wide approach to tourism.
- Create a community identity system as an initial step in becoming proactive about economic development. Specifically, this process was an initial step in a proactive, rather than reactive approach to business recruitment and retention.
- Implement a community identity system to provide wayfinding for community members and visitors.
- Refresh the "corporate" logo for the City government so that it is easy to utilize in both digital and print communication efforts.

After an initial review of a community identity toolkit in July, the City took hours of in-person testimony and hundreds of written public comments and incorporated them into a new direction for the toolkit. In September, the City hired local graphic designer Kelly Hume. Mr. Hume, has lived on the island since 1993, specializes in logos and graphic illustrations for print, packaging, film, television and online, including clients like Pixar and Toyota. Hume has 35 years of graphic design experience. Together with City staff, and utilizing the extensive community input gathered earlier in the year, Kelly Hume was able to develop a community identity logo for island wide marketing, as well as two options for a refreshed City of Bainbridge Island corporate logo.

Emergency Preparedness Update

Important Health Reminders During Heavy Rains and Storms

With more wet winter weather expected over the weekend, the City of Bainbridge Island wants to make sure that all island residents are safe and prepared. If you haven't already signed up to receive emergency alerts please text 98110 to 888777 or visit www.nixle.com. We would also like to share some important reminders from the Kitsap Public Health District:

- * Flood waters often carry disease-causing organisms and other types of pollutants, requiring precautions to prevent illness.
- * If your drinking water well is flooded, assume that the water in your home is contaminated.
- * Septic systems may not function properly and/or are vulnerable to failure during flood conditions requiring measures to protect these systems.
- * Shellfish should not be harvested from urban embayments during periods of heavy rain due to contaminated stormwater runoff that may pollute marine waters and shellfish beds.



Drinking Water Safety

If a drinking water well is flooded, Kitsap Public Health advises to use bottled water that has been stored less than six months in tightly sealed containers, or take preventive measures to sanitize the potentially contaminated water. Plan for one gallon of water per person, per day.

- * If contaminated water is clear, boil it for one minute to kill disease-causing bacteria and parasites, or add ¼ teaspoon household bleach per gallon of water and let it sit for ½ hour.
- * If contaminated water is cloudy, pour it through a coffee filter, paper towel, or cheesecloth, and then boil it for one minute. If you can't boil it, filter it and add ¼ teaspoon of bleach per gallon, then let it sit for one hour.

Wells may [require disinfection](#) if flooded.

On-Site Sewage/Septic Systems

Septic systems may not operate properly if soil in the drainfield area becomes saturated. If your drainfield is very wet or under water, reduce your indoor water use to critical uses only to prevent failure of the system. Overusing a septic system when the drainfield is

flooded may cause sewage to back-up into the house or come up to the ground surface in your drainfield area. When soil has dried sufficiently, it's probably safe to resume normal water use. During extreme wet weather, property owners can follow several simple measures to protect their septic systems and their property investments including:

- * Minimize water use in the home as much as possible. Stay well below your sewage system's maximum volume capacity, normally 120 gallons of water use per bedroom per day.
- * Spread water use throughout the day and week to even out water flow to your drainfield. Refrain from using the washing machine, cut back on toilet flushes, and reduce bathing.
- * Identify and repair all leaky plumbing fixtures. A running toilet or a leaky faucet can discharge many gallons of extra water each day to your drainfield.
- * Identify and repair all leaky septic tanks, risers, etc.
- * Divert all surface waters and downspouts away from your sewage system.

Dealing with Flood Water:

Because floodwaters may be contaminated, if the home is flooded, Kitsap Public Health recommends that people:

- Wash their hands with soap and disinfected water before preparing or eating food or handling contaminated items.
- Discard all food that has come in contact with floodwater. Canned food is all right, but disinfect the can before opening.

Food Safety During a Power Outage:

If the power has gone out:

- Keep food safe by using food that spoils rapidly first. Most foodborne diseases are caused by bacteria in raw or undercooked foods of animal origin such as meat, milk, eggs, or fish.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed to conserve cold air or keep food cold with ice or dry ice.

Additional information is available online at www.kitsappublichealth.org, or by calling Kitsap Public Health at (360) 337-5235.

Upcoming Events

- Join the Bainbridge Island Police Department for S'mores with the Squad and the Boat Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 12 from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park.
- City Hall will be closed on Thursday, December 17 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm for a citywide staff meeting.
- City Hall will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 for the holidays.



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